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UNWORTHY OF DEMOCRACY.

The Democratic State Central Committee at their meeting in Dover this week passed the following appropriate resolutions:

"Whereas, The Democratic party having confidence in the integrity and honesty of Elisha H. F. Farlow, William F. King, of Sussex county, and James B Clark of Kent County, did on the 8th day of November, 1898, elect them to represent the true principles in that party in the General Assembly.

"And, whereas, It was the express wish of the Democratic party that each member so elected, should at all times stand firmly for the principles so enunciated by the platforms adopted by the party.

"And Whereas, One of the declarations of that platform was specific in opposing one, John Edward Addicks, and his methods of attempting to debauch the political parties of this State.

"And Whereas, The said Elisha H. F. Farlow, William F. King and James B. Clark did betray the trust confided in them—notwithstanding the earnest protests of the Democrats there present—on the 13th day of March, in joint Assembly met, by their votes for the said John Edward Addicks, for United States Senator.

"And Whereas, It is the general opinion that the said Elisha H, F. Farlow, William F. King and James B. Clark were corruptly influenced to so vote.

"Therefore Resolved, By the State Central Committee of the Democratic party in meeting assembled at Dover, this 29th day March, 1899, that we denounce and condemn the actions of the said Elisha H. F. Farlow, William F. King and James B. Clark for their voting for the said John Edward Addicks, and hereby declare that they are no longer worthy to be considered members of the Democratic party, or of the respect of their fellow-citizens. And this committee requests that Senator Elisha H. F. Farlow, William F. King and James B. Clark, resign their offices as state senator and representatives respectively, which they have disgraced. And further.

"Resolved, That we hereby tender our aid as an organization, and our individual and financial aid to the state authorities to assist in ferreting out all fraud or bribery in connection with the last session of the Legislature.

"Also Resolved, That a copy of these preambles and resolutions be sent to the said Elisha H. F. Farlow. William F. King and James B. Clark; and also to the newspapers of this state, with a request for publication."

PROBE DEEPER.

The investigation now being made by the State authorities into matters belonging to the closing days of the General Assembly have the approval of every pure and patriotic Delawarean. Let the probe go deeper. Nothing short of a full investigation can or will be accepted by the people. As might be expected the Addicks organs are throwing every obstacles in the way, unworthy insinuations being their chief instrument this week. They sneeringly insinuate that Mr. Shakespeare's vote for Mr. Gray needs attention. Has George Gray ever been known as a boodler in all his public life? Has John Edward Addicks ever been known as else than a boodler since his advent into Delaware politics? "He has the boodle" has been the excuse of his party associates for their endorsement of him. It would seem that their political policy is to drag every man down to the Addicks level. Let the investigation be so wide as to embrace every subject suggested, the honest and honorable can stand it.

The policy of the TRANSCRIPT is to defer judgment in cases pending, the facts, however, may be stated. The probing has so far caught one member of the General Assembly in the net of bribery charges. Representative F. H. Lattomus this week charged Representative Mark L. Davis with having offered him a bribe of $5000 to vote for J. E. Addicks for Senator. The charge was made apparently with great reluctance, as it would be naturally, but being under oath there was no escape. Mr. Davis is among the most intelligent of Addicks members of the Assembly and there is surprise that he should be accused of so grave a charge.

But there are others. Evidently Farlow, King and Clark expected others to follow their lead and those men should be probed to the surface. It will not do to let them escape. Probe deeper.

It is said the investigation into the "snake gambling bill" will lead to the calling of five men before the Kent county grand jury.

To catch the scoundrels guilty of the effort to fasten, that bill upon the State and to punish them will alone satisfy the people.

That their efforts failed is not material—they are as guilty as though they had succeeded. Let the probe go to the bottom in all the investigations.

AND now it is the Samoans who are giving trouble, and the American cruiser Philadelphia, flagship of Admiral Kantz, and the British cruisers Royalist and Porpoise had recently to shell and destroy several Samoan villages, and presumably killed a large number of natives who considered themselves under German protection. The island is under the protection of England, Germany and this country, and it is said Germany differs in policy from the other nations. It is not believed there will be any international complications.

NO CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.

To assume that a newspaper is an object of charity is a serious mistake. No matter how good may be the intentions of those who dispense it charity cannot make a newspaper. Newspapers—real newspapers—are the combination of labor, money, intelligence and principle. The relation of their makers to the community is identical with the relations of business or professional workers, and all the elements of success are the same in all cases. So are the ends for which all are striving. Then the newspaper commands support just in proportion to its deserts.—Seaford News.

CERTAINLY no worthy Delawarean will in any way disapprove of the appointment of ex-Senator George Gray by President McKinley to a judgeship for the Third Judicial Circuit. He makes the third member of the Circuit, the office having been created by Congress because of the increase of work. His associates will be Judge Acheson of Pittsburg and Judge Dallas of Philadelphia. The circuit embraces Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, and the salary is $6000 for life, retiring on full pay after 12 years. Senator Gray has been not only an able representative in the United States Senate, standing to the front among his associates and always respected by his party opponents, but he has shown himself a patriot, yielding to the persuasions of the President and others when duty called for statesmen as commissioners to Paris. The appointment is worthy both President McKinley and Mr. Gray, and an honor to Delaware. The oath of office was administered by Judge Bradford on Thursday and it is now Judge Gray.

THE Belshazzar feast, as some are wont to call the Jeffersonian dinners which are to take place in New York April 13th, is getting any amount of notoriety from Democratic sources. These dinners are designated as Bryan and Gorman's fight for supremacy. The former's admission charge will be $1 a cover, while the latter will be $10. These dinners are divided into two classes; one the poor man's dinner where 46 cents represent a dollar, and the other a plutocratic feast, and democracy is invited to take choice. The business wreckage and poverty that followed the adoption of the Cleveland revenue policy, did'nt leave enough surplus in the pockets of the majority of business men for one dinner, to say nothing of two, but under Republican prosperity things have changed, although their words and actions do not agree. This evidence that can not be set aside—Denton Union.

EASTER Monday will be a day long remembered by the laboring class of New England and nearby States, to say nothing of the nation at large, as manufacturers will introduce a sliding scale at that time which mean an 8 to 10 per cent. raise in the wages of about 50,000 employes. This raise of wages coming as it does when no political issue can be effected, has silenced the Democratic press in a noticeable way. It means that manufacturers are doing just what they said they would do—restore wagesin proportion as confidence was restored. The latter was completed when congress adjourned and now the deal is about completed.—Ex.

THIS has been a great week in the Philippine Islands. Victory after victory follows our army but many brave young Americans are falling. The insurgents have been driven from Malolos, their capital, and it is hoped the end is near.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE APRIL CENTURY.

The Century Magazine is redeeming its promise to cover the war of 1898 as authoritatively as it did the campaigns of 1861-65, though the late and shorter war demands much less time and space in the magazine, and, in fact, as a magazine feature, the April and May numbers will practically close the series so far as it relates to active operations. In April an article of extraordinary interest and importance is Rear-Admiral Sampson's full and frank statement of the part taken by "The Atlantic Fleet in the Spanish War." Major-General Francis V. Green, one of the highest living authorities on modern warfare, gives a full account from personal experience of the actual capture of Manila, and John T. McCutcheon describes the surrender of Manila as viewed from Admiral Dewey's flagship. Mr. McCutcheon was on the bridge with Dewey during the action. An account by the American Director of the School at Athens of recent American discoveries at Corinth includes the turning up of "A Relic of St. Paul." In this connection should be mentioned an entertaining description of Jerusalem and its environments, written especially for The Century, by the distinguished French artist J. James Tissot. Now that Russian affairs are so much before the world, the "Notes from General Sherman's Diary" concerning his visit to Russia have a timely interest. Prof. Peckham's article on "Absolute Zero" gives with scientific authority an account of recent inventions for the production of liquid air. A striking literary feature of this number is a new poem, "Cities of Hell," by the young English poet, Stephen Phillips, author of "Christ in Hades." One of Mrs. Wilcox's most serious poems is "Recrimination," a series of three sonnets. Prof. Wheeler, in his popular "Life of Alexander," describes a remarkable episode of that life, namely, "The Famous Siege of Tyre," illustrated by Castaigne. "Franklin as Printer and Publisher" is not the least entertaining of Mr. Ford's biographical serial. Marion Crawford's romance of the second crusade furnishes the principal fiction of the number, along with a story called "Jack," showing the curious relations between the Whites and the Canadian Indians. The story is by Miss Goodloe and is illustrated in an original way by Jane Hambidge. Lovers of art will be specially interested in Cole's "Stable Interior," exquisitely engraved after George Moreland, which is the frontispiece of the number; Gilbert Stuart's portrait of Mrs. Rawle and Julia Weir's "Green Bodice," both engraved on Wood by Henry Wolf.

THE APRIL ST. NICHOLAS.

The first chapter of a new serial by Amelia E. Barr is the leading feature of the April St. Nicholas. It is a story for girls written in Mrs. Barr's most attractive manner, and bearing the pleasant and suggestive title, "Trinity Bells." The scene is laid in New York, and when the tale opens, "a young man named Napoleon Bonaparte is making the French behave themselves." The mascot of the Resolute, a fox-terrior belonging to the gunboat's captain, Commander J. Giles Eaton, is the hero of "'Prince' in the Battle of Santiago," and the dog's owner is the author of the sketch. This is followed by "The True Story of 'Christobal Colon,'" a pet cat that was rescued from the destroyed cruiser of that name, and presented to Capt. Clark of the Oregon. "Lost in Russia" is a good story of a boy's adventures while canoeing on the German-Russian border, and Poultney Bigelow, who writes it, knows pretty much everything about canoing and a good deal about Germany and Russia; he also knows how to write. 'The 'Rabbit Woman,'" of whom George A. Williams tells the boys and girls, is a familiar figure in Broadway, New York, where she has followed her calling, on the sidewalk near Twenty-third Street, for many years. The popular serials of Mr. Henty, Miss Carolyn Wells, and Mr. House are continued, and a usual the magazine abounds in pictures and verse, including the amusing "Goops" of Gelett Burgess. The frontispiece, April, is a dainty drawing of a dancing child, by C. M. Relyea.

REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

In the American Monthly Review of Reviews for April the editor reviews the work of the Fifty-fifth Congress, examines the present status of the various plans for inter-oceanic ship transit, discusses the latest developments in the Philippine situation, and comments on the other news topics of the day in home and foreign politics, including the cabinet change in Spain and the altered relations of Germany, England, and the United States.

Miss Lucy M. Salmon, professor of history in Vassar College, who was one of the very few foreigners permitted to witness the recent election of President Loubet at Verasilles, contributes to the April Review of Reviews an interesting description of the event. The Review prefaces her article with some notes on Loubet's career which contain a good deal of fresh information for American readers.

MY MARYLAND.

Judge T. A. Jacobs and John Edwards, on Friday killed six wild geese at four shots. The geese were feeding in the Sassafras when this fancy shooting took place.

Colonel Samuel A. Wallen, of the Seventh district, Queen Anne county, is greatly encouraged over his prospect for a fair crop of peaches. He says that he thinks he will have at least 1,000 baskets of fruit this year.

The business men and citizens of Worton Station are arranging for a great day on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock P. M. The programme will consist of blue rock shooting, wheelbarrow rolling, potato race and other sports.—Chestertown Transcript.

Mrs. Amelia J. Ridgway, wife of Rev. D. C. Ridgway, a former pastor of the Elkton M. E. Church, died suddenly on March 10th at St. Louis, Mo., while her husband was attending conference. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway were well-known on the peninsula.

It was positively stated on Tuesday, by a close personal friend of Mr. Frank P. Cochran, of the Galena precinct of the first district, that Mr. Cochran is a candidate for the nomination for the Legislature. In spite of the storm, politics had their inning on Tuesday, and several other rumored candidates were given out, but could not be verified.

Both Kent and Queen now offer some interesting pictures to "good road" advocates. At one point on a Kent thoroughfare, it is stated that broken single-trees line the roadside for more than a hundred yards. On one road in Queen Anne teams remain partially buried in the mud (one of the wagons loaded). Each county needs reform along the line of regulating the time for road mending.

Late Monday night a fight arose between a crowd of negroes in that section of Elkton known as Darkeytown, in which John Bowser, a young negro, about twenty years of age, was seriously stabbed with a pair of shears in the left breast, directly over the heart. Frank Cooper, a young negro, who has been giving the authorities no little trouble of late, was arrested and lodged in the Elkton Jail on Monday. It appears that there has been bad blood between the two for some time past.

Mayor William T. Malster's friends had a walkover Friday in the Baltimore City Republican primaries, their ticket polling 25,640 of the total vote of 34,305, carrying every ward of the city. Therefore Mr. Malster will be the party nominee for the Mayoralty, at the convention held this week. His opponent will be Mr. Thomas G. Hayes. At the Democratic primaries over 32,000 votes were polled, of which the friends of Mr. Hayes rolled up 26,000, carrying every ward of the city and assuring his nomination.

A queer case is puzzling the physicians of the upper part of Cecil county. While William Foy, a well-known harness maker, of Lewisville, nine miles north of here, and enjoying good health was lying in bed one night this week, his jaw became suddenly locked and he was unable to take any food between his teeth. A physician was summoned, who called in several other physicians, and they all pronounced it a very puzzling case. While his jaws are locked, the symptoms are very much different from regular lock-jaw. He was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia Saturday to have an operation performed.

Mrs. Mary Long, aged seventy-six years, widow of the late John Long, was found dead Saturday morning in her room at her residence in Elkton. She had been in poor health for some time past, and when her physician called that morning he found her door locked and was unable to arouse anyone. Entering by means of a window he found Mrs. Long sitting in a chair by the window with her head resting on the sill, while the room was full of gas fumes from the stove. The physician's supposition is that the lady was so weak from illness that when she found the gas filling the room she went to the window, but was unable to open it.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Some idea of the enmity pneumonia bears to human kind may be drawn from the fact that of 2498 deaths from all causes in Chicago last January no less than 535 were from pneumonia. It attacks every age and sex.

Of the 5,000,000 cases of tomatoes annually packed in the United States, 1,800,000 are packed by canneries on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Thirty thousand acres have been contracted for the coming season by canners on the shore, although 16,000 acres is the most that was ever before contracted for in one season.

In 1840 there were seven occupations open to women in the way of wages earning, whereas now the field includes several hundred branches of industry. About 61 per cent. of the women of Massachusetts between the ages of 15 and 35 years are wage-earners, domestic, servants forming a much smaller class than other occupations.

After much squabbling among their numerous generals, the Cubans have finally agreed to accept the $3,000,000 proffered by Uncle Sam on condition that the troops disband, and to give them a start, after years of life in the bush. Now let them go to work and earn an honest living, otherwise Americans will conclude that they have no such desire.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg said in the course of a lecture at Washington the other day that, "there is more intoxication in a cup of black tea than in a glass of ordinary beer." Dr. Kellogg is a strict vegetarian. He condemns such articles as mustard and pepper and blames coffee and tea for causing various sorts of nervous diseases in women. Neither drink, in his opinion, has any value as a food.

There is a special class of farm laborers in Sweden who are given so many acres of land for their own use in consideration of so many days' labor during the year for the owner of the farm. These "torpares" are a sort of fixture to an estate, and the like exists in no other country. Their movements, however, are not controlled, and a "torpare" can leave the "jortorp" at the expiration of his contract. Of these tenants there are 169,739.

It is not often that one has a chance to read his own obituaries. But when John Sherman's death was prematurely announced last week, many of the daily papers gave extended notice of his life's work, and one of the New York yellow journals even went so far as to give illustrations of the death-bed scene, who was present, etc. Since then the aged stateman has greatly improved, and the hope of all is that he may be spared for a long time.

He was brought to his home in Washington this week from Havana in very feeble condition.

The Glasgow Herald, in a recent review of the boot and shoe industry in 1898, summed up the situation as follows: "Humiliating as it is, it is nevertheless a fact that the Americans, in upper leather almost entirely, and in sole leather to a great degree, completely eclipse our curriers and tanners who are compelled to own that they must adopt American methods if they can hope to compete in the future. The question continually asked in the boot and shoe trade is: How comes it that America is able to deliver to our very doors boots and shoes at prices considerably less than can be accepted by our own manufacturers, while at the same time American leather, of which by far the largest proportion of our boots, and shoes is composed is sold to our manufacturers at prices even less than to American manufacturers. And to make the solution all the more obscure, it is also known, and proved beyond question, that the boot and shoe operatives in America earn wages almost double ours."

Marriage is not a failure, for the man at least, if a German investigator may be believed. He has been interviewing insurance companies, and visiting hospitals and insane asylums, and he has now promulgated the result of his labors. He finds that of the men who die, commit suicide or become insane or seriously ill in early life, the greater number are bachelors. He says that disease of the digestive organs are the ones which cause the most trouble to unmarried men. This is a distinct compliment to the good cooking of the average wife. Among martrimonial statistics the following French ones are interesting: Thirteen out of 100 young women marry between the ages of fifteen and twenty; between twenty and twenty-five the average is sixty out of 100; between twenty-five and thirty, twenty-two out of 100, between thirty and thirty-five, twelve out of 100; from thirty-five to forty, six out of 100; from forty to forty-five, only five, and from forty-five to fifty just one solitary woman out of the hundred.

TRIAL OF COTTER.

The trial of William E. Cotter, charged with aiding and abetting William N. Boggs, late teller of the First National Bank of Dover, to abstract and misapply $1,014.92, funds of the bank when he, Cotter, had no funds there, and conspiring with Boggs to so violate the laws of the United States, began in Wilmington in the Federal Court on Monday. This is the fourth of these cases, but it is finding but little public interest, perhaps because the defendant is little known in Delaware, having for years resided in Philadelphia.

The jury drawn to try the case was as follows: Morris D. Crossan, foreman; Wilmer Palmer, Henry W. Perkins and Joseph L. Carpenter, Jr., of Wilmington, Edward Draper, of Appoquinimink Hundred, Joseph S. Griffith, of St. Georges, J. S. Hastings, of Pencader, William N. Cedars, of North Murderkill, Edward Pardee, of East Dover, Charles Lingo, of Indian River, Frank D. Baldwin, of Mill Creek and James F. Anderson, of Milford.

Ex-Senator Higgins is making as strong fight as is possible for his client, but District Attorney Vandegrift appears to have made a strong case.

The Date Of Easter.

Why Easter, unlike Christmas, should be a movable feast has often been asked, but it is not so readily answered. To have the date of Easter Sunday fixed definitely so that its place in the calender a year or 50 years ahead could be stated as exactly and readily by people in general as that of Christmas would be a convenience. The majority of even Catholics and Episcopalians have at present but indistinct and probably inaccurate ideas as to why Easter is celebrated on such or such a date and are content to leave the time of its celebration to be announced by the calendar makers. Aside from saying the abstruse calculations employed in determining the Easter date there would certainly be advantages in having the entire Christian world celebrate the Easter festival upon the same date, and Pope Leo XIII is said to be about to take the initiative in the matter by fixing the time of Easter, after the present century, on the third Sunday before the spring equinox, provided the Greek church will adopt this reckoning along with the Gregorian calendar, thus bringing the two great divisions of the Catholic Church into uniformity as to the feasts and festivals of the Christian year.

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WANAMAKER'S.

Philadelphia, Monday, March 27, 1899.

The Spring Dress Goods Show Wouldn't it be fine to have a six weeks' visit to the style-setting points of the Old World before you decided on your spring gowns? To be sure, you'd have a busy trip—to Monte Carlo, Nice, Vienna; yes, Dublin and St. Petersburg; besides the places you thought of—London and Paris.

Well, the trip is taken for you by proxy several times each year. It's our business—we set experts to do it. And an expert can see more of the styles in a six-weeks' jaunt than a traveler could on the first trip, because our buyers have entrance to every modiste's inner work-rooms and know just how to economize time. They take in art, too, and the beauties of the country—for beauty lies back of style and its study prospers their business.

We know no retail store that sends so many of its people abroad each year—and, hence, leadership in dress goods and silks and costumes and millinery and the other lines. This isn't said boastfully. We merely want you to know the care we've given to the selection of the Dress Goods for spring.

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$1.25 Plain Canvas, 75c.
$1.50 Pin-head Pebble, 75c.
$1.25 Armure Granite, 75c.
$1.50 Herringbone Covert, $1.
$1.35 Silk-mixed Stripe, $1.
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Rolled Gold Dress Pins, with and without stones, 25c and 50c for set of 3.
Sterling-Silver Shirt Waist Sets, studs and sleeve buttons, 50c, 75c and $1 a set.
Rolled Gold Waist Sets, 75c and $1.
Plaited Lorgnette Chains, 25c and 75c.
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Geant des Battles—deep fiery crimson.
Merveille de Lyon—large, light colored.
Mabel Morrison—pure white.
Persian Yellow.
Gloire de Dijon—fawn with salmon.
Jules Margottin—carmine.
Baroness de Rothschild—light pink.
Mrs. John Laing—soft pink.
Crested Moss.
Victor Hugo—blackish purple.
Reine des Violets—violet.
Marechal Neil—deep yellow.
La France—ligh pink.
Madam Gabriel Luizet—satin pink.
Baltimore Belle—white climber.
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Rhododendrons, assorted, 45c each.
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Azalea Pontica, 45c each.
Gloxinia Bulbs, first size—white, red, blue and white and red and white, 6c each, 60c doz.
Gloxinia Bulbs, second size—same colors, 3c each, 30c doz.
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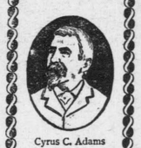
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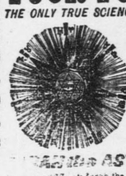
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INCOME

Received for Premiums	$42,318,748 51
From all other Sources	12,687,880 92
	$55,006,629 43

DISBURSEMENTS

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$13,265,968 00
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	11,485,751 37
For all other accounts	10,493,379 53
	$35,245,038 88

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other Securities	$160,956,141 34
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	68,503,580 00
Loans on Bonds and other Securities	9,396,619 00
Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at $23,534,826.88: Book Value	20,004,949 61
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	11,621,317 36
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,431,957 13
	$277,517,325 24

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc.	$263,058,640 69
Contingent Guarantee Fund	42,238,684 68
Divisible Surplus	2,220,000 00
	$277,517,325 24
Insurance and Annuities in force	$971,711,997 73

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Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APRIL 1, 1899.

NOTICE.

Because of illness many subscriptions paid recently have not been changed on the labels though properly credited in the subscription books. Prompt notice should be given of failure to receive paper, or if town carrier does not leave paper where desired.

Local News.

—Wanted.—A reliable white woman as nurse for child of two years. Apply to Mrs. F. William Curtis, Newark, Del., or Mrs. D. W. Corbit, Odessa, Del.

—Dealers in flour have been advised that it has gone up 25 cts. a barrel.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—Consult advertising columns for dates to meet auditing committee on Road Commissioners accounts.

—The act authorizing the appointment of a Deputy Coroner for this county did not reach the Governor in time to be approved.

—Read the "ad" of Administrator's Sale of Personal Property of Isaac Caulk on Monday, April 3d.

—Sheriff Taylor, of this county sold the 126-acre farm of W. Jenks Fell, near Newark, to John H. Rodney, attorney, for $6,000.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinkle's Studio.

—The spring meeting of the New Castle Presbytery will be held in the Rodney Street Presbyterian Chu-ch, Wilmington, April 18th.

—The secret of a town's prosperity is that its wealthy citizens do not hoard their capital, but invest it in improvements for the public good and business enterprises to the place and its people.

—Latest style wedding invitations printed expeditiously and cheaply at the Transcript office.

—In Wilmington Superior Court Thursday George V. Anderson, who sued the city for $10,000 damages for being injured by a wire in a street, got a verdict of $650.

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. Al work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—While John Purwell was cutting feed for Capt. Wiggins who lives near Odessa, he caught his hands in the cutter losing the first joints of two fingers on his right hand.

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.

—While visiting in Wilmington Thursday James Manlove of the Middletown Hotel, received a message that his brother Joseph was dangerously ill. Mr. Manlove is about 35 years of age and was stricken with vertigo while attending to business.

—Try a Quaker Bath Cabinet. Price $5.00, Cabinet delivered to you. Send order to F. C. West, Agent, Middletown, Del.

—Mrs. Fannie Lockwood will have her opening of Spring Millinery, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1st. She will show you a large variety of the newest styles in Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery at the lowest prices. Give her a call and you will be convinced.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—A special Easter service will be held at the M. E. Church on Sunday next. Morning subject will be "The Risen Life," Col., 3-1. Evening services at 7.30, subject, "Threefold Inscription on the Cross," 19th chapter of John, 19-20 Special Easter music at each service. A cordial welcome to all.

—If you are thinking of buying a wheel stop at J. H. Burrows before looking elsewhere, and see his line comprising of Columbias, Hartfords, Vedettes, Ramblers, Ideals, Winners, Relays, Wynnewoods and others. Headquarters for Sundries.

—Ex-Speaker of the House Emory B. Riggin and Charles G. Otwell, representing the Town Council of Laurel, were in Middletown on Tuesday, inspecting the water works. Laurel is preparing for a complete system of water works, and these gentlemen will visit several Delaware towns to decide on the best system.

—Nineteen of the thoroughbred horses of William E. Spier, whose stables have been at Glen Falls, N. Y., have been brought to Kirkwood, where they will receive training for the Grand Circuit season. Among the horses are Jefferson Wilkes, b. h., 2.14½; Copeland, br. g., 2.11½, and Amby, 2.16¾.

—On the ground that the authorities and people of Wilmington know best how to manage their own successful system of water works, Governor Tunnell has vetoed the Pyle bill reducing water rents in Wilmington forty per cent.

—The Corporation Trust Company, of Delaware, has purchased the large three-story building, facing on the Dover Public Square, for its home office. It proposes to aid all foreign corporations in securing charters in the State, and then to act as their legal agent in Delaware.

—The next time a traveling peddler calls at your door and tries to sell goods, ask him if he will take your butter, eggs and other farm products, ask him if, when your neighbor gets ready to build a road bridge over the slough, he would willingly donate a few dollars to help it along. Tell him there is a poor family down the road who would be thankful if he would donate a few provisions; ask him if he would contribute to an enterprise just started. If he agrees to all these things patronize him. Your home merchants would do this and much more.

—On Tuesday afternoon as Richard Nailor a young man living near Fieldsboro, was getting in a boat he attempted to draw his gun toward him, when it went off, the charge striking him in the fleshy part of the arm, leaving an ugly wound. It was feared he would bleed to death before a physician could be procured.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made?" If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

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—The Junior Christian Endeavor Society, of the Forest Presbyterian Church of this place will give a operata in the Opera House on Friday night, April 14th, entitled "Show White." There will be a supper served after the entertainment by the Ladies Mite Society. Admission, adults 25 cents, children under twelve years, 15 cents. Doors open at 7.30 p. m. Tickets on sale at W. S. Letherbury's store.

—On Easter Sunday, at the Forest Presbyterian Church, special music will be rendered by the choir at both services. The subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's morning sermon will be "Life and Immortality brought to Light," and in the evening the Sunday School will render an attractive Easter service. All are cordially invited.

—According to rumor Pencader, near Newark, will shortly become a railroad center. New interlocking switches, new tracks and everything pertaining to what may be needed in a freight or railroad yard are being placed in position and it is said that express trains for the Delaware railroad will pass over this branch.

—An exchange says that every paper in the State should publish the fact that burnt corn is a sure cure for hog cholera. It was first discovered by burning a pile of corn belonging to a distillery. It was thrown to the hogs and eaten by them. Before that a number had been bying each day, but the disease immediately disappeared. The remedy is so simple that it can easily be read, and if it is found efficacious, it should be generally used as a preventive.

—Speaking of farming, a prominent land owner said said one day last week: I know some men who come under my personal observation, who have borrowed all their purchase money for their farms, and today are out of debt, I know, also of men who have had their farms given them and they are now mortgaged to their full value." The difference here shown is produced on the one hand by thought, work and economy, and on the other hand by the lack of these qualities. Any man that expects to make money on a farm without thought and work, will find himself the worst fooled fellow in the world, as will also the farmer who expects to take all off the farm and put nothing back to improve the ground.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Matthews entertained a number of their friends at a supper Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Annie Crossland's 21st birthday. Music furnished the amusement of the evening and at 10 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room. The tables looked splendid they were laden with all good things to eat and done justice to by those who were there. The guests departed wishing Miss Crossland many happy returns of the day, and thanking Mrs. Matthews for her hospitality, and manner in which she entertained them.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mrs. John Watkins, of Smyrna, spent several days this week with Odessa friends.

Mr. Sylvester D. Townsend, of Delaware City spent Sunday here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl, of New Jersey, spent several days with their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Green.

Mr. William H. Hickey, who died on Thursday, March 23d. was taken to Camden, Delaware, and interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The body was accompanied by a number of friends and eight men of the order of Red Men. Mr. Hickey has lived in Odessa since quite a lad. He had long been a member of the M. E. Church, and was a man that commanded great deal of respect. He will be much missed and his place will not soon be filled.

Mrs. Curtis and little daughter, of Newark, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corbit.

Mr. Fred Kumple and Miss Helen Stevens were married at the home of the brides parents by Rev. W. O. Hurst on Wednesday eveniug. They will make their home in St. Georges.

Miss Georgie Enos is spending Easter Sunday in Wilmington with her cousin Mr. Lou Coppage.

Miss Louise Van Dyke of Ridley Park is to spend her Easter Sunday in Odessa with her grand parents.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB.

This week the club met in the Men's Club room for the first time. Notwithstanding the gloomy day the usual number of members were present. Some business matters of importance were discussed and settled, and the name of Mrs. B. T. Biggs was accepted as an associate member.

Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., in her review of "The Mill on the Floss," told the pathetic story of Maggie Tulliver's life in such a sympathetic manner that she held the interest of her hearers from the beginning to the sad end. Miss Mary Rothwell's paper on "Victoria," was an interesting and well written literary production of more than usual merit. Mrs. Richard Lockwood's article on "The Prince of Wales," came next, and while we do not all agree with her in her estimate of his character, no possible fault could be found with it in regard to its style or interest. The last paper of the afternoon was that of Miss Blanche Wright on "The Bronte Family." After three such excellent predecessors it should have been a dull one, but, on the contrary, was a bright little article to which was given interested attention throughout its length. Mention of Mrs. Boyd McCoy's paper on "The Brownings," was accidentally omitted last week, and since it was one of the best of the day it is to be the more regretted that it was not spoken of at the proper time.

The club will meet next week on Wednesday instead of Tuesday when Mrs. W. B. Biggs will review "The Tale of Two Cities," and there will be several selections read from that book.

A Father Outwitted.

Stella Powell and Walter U. Artis, the young couple who eloped from Hartley on Sunday, and were followed by the lady's father, reached Wilmington on Tuesday last and were married by the Rev. Dr. J. D. C. Hanna. The father abandoned the chase after he arrived at Smyrna, where he lost track of his daughter. The couple had a marriage license dated Dover, March 27, which was properly signed. Artis' age was given as twenty-three and Miss Powell's as twenty-one. The couple arrived in Middletown on Monday afternoon, stopping at Mrs. Hyatt's boarding house for several hours, leaving about 2 o'clock in their team n the direction of Wilmington.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mrs. J. J. Shannon is spending Easter in the City of Brotherly Love, the guest of Mrs. J. B. Goff.

—Mr. B. P. Wilson, of Elkton, was in town Monday.

—Mr. Grayson Burruss, of Baltimore. Md., adjuster of claims of the British American Fire Insurance Co., was in town Tuesday, as guest of Messrs. Cates & Fouracre.

—Miss Estella Jones, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Parsons.

—Mr. H. C. Strickland, of Wilmington, spent several days this week at the National.

—Miss Maude Smith has returned from a two weeks visit with Wilmington friends.

—Miss Lottie Richardson, of Cambridge, Md., is visiting her brother on East Main street.

—Miss Martha Heaton has returned home from a visit to Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Alexander in Washington, D. C.

—Miss Grace Parvis spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Browne, in Wilmington.

—Miss Dorethy Kennedy is spending her Easter vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Wilson, in Chester, Pa.

—Miss Lida McName returned to her home on Thursday, after spending several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Annie Griffith.

—Mrs. Josiah Bailey, of Philadelphia, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack Cochran, near town.

—The Misses Marie and Julia, Lockwood are at their father's Mr. George W. Lockwood, for the Easter holidays.

—Mr. W. F. Metten, of Wilmington, Del. and Mr. John F. Metten, of Newport News, Va., were over Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Metten, at Fieldsboro, Dela.

DELAWARE CITY.

Rev. T. B. Hunter visited his mother this week.

Mrs. Emma Robertson is with Mrs. Bradway at Atlantic City. Mrs. Bradway is very ill with pneumonia.

Rev. Arthur F. Lewis preached in the Episcopal Church Wednesday night.

Rev. H. B. Phelps, of Chesapeake City, preached in Christ Church Monday night.

Miss Cora Dunlap is visiting relatives in Philadelphia and Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. Mary Moore who has been with her son Arthur in Chicago for some time, arrived in town on Thursday.

Mrs. Eliza Ogle, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Margaret Hunter.

Miss Everett and her brother left town on Saturday for Philadelphia.

As there were no services in the M. E. Church on Sunday on account of the pastor's absence, the congregations of other denominations were larger than usual.

Rev. L. A. Oates returned last week and officiated on Sunday.

Miss Bessie Mills, of Wilmington, was entertained by Miss Ogle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Norris Wilkinson.

Mrs. William T. Vail is visiting in Wilmington.

Miss Annie Beck has returned from Philadelphia.

Mrs. Anna Lofland, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. William Walton, of Philadelphia, was entertained over Sunday by friends in town.

Rev. H. S. Thompson will return to Delaware City Church.

Mrs. H. S. Thompson visited in Smyrna during her husband's absence.

A special meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at Mrs. F. A. Pennington's on Monday evening.

Miss Laura Sadler, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Martha Byles was quite indisposed the last few days.

Mrs. F. A. Pennington visited at Atlantic City this week.

Mrs. O. B. Wingate was in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Sadie Roberts spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Harrington Clark was home for a few days this week.

Mr. Edgar Lawrence has returned from Philadelphia.

The force of men employed by the government is divided between Ft. Delaware and the Battery.

H. C. Clark has purchased the "Simpson Farm" and it is rumored that the U. S. government is contemplating the purchase of the "Reeves Farm" for a military post.

She Saw How Her Son Was Killed.

A variety troupe, with a biograph as a side attraction, performed at Bridgeville on Tuesday night last, and during the entertainment a scene occurred which was not down on the program.

One of the pictures shown by the biograph was a squad of Twelfth Cavalry boys loading stores aboard a transport at Port Tampa. The machine faithfully portrayed their motions, and their features were very distinct. Suddenly a pile of chests and boxes, which the soldiers had piled up on the dock, overturned, and one poor fellow was crushed beneath them. At this juncture a Mrs. Weidmer, who had arisen from her seat and was staring with an ashen face at the screen, sank in her seat, sobbing piteously. "My Will! My poor boy!" and swooned away. Several of the audience ran to her assistance, and she was carried out in the fresh air, where she soon revived At first it was thought that she had suddenly become insane, but it was subsequently learned that her son William, who was a member of the Twelfth United States Cavalry, was accidentally killed while loading stores at Port Tampa by being crushed by a pile of overturning boxes, and the heart-broken mother saw a picture of the death of her boy by the revolving films of the biograph.

San Francisco And Return.

One fare for the round trip, National Baptists' Anniversaries, May 26—30, 1899, tickets on sale May 14, 15, 16. and 17, good to return until July 15th. For full particulars call on or address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y, 486 William St., Williamsport, Pa., or 300 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The Wilmington M. E. Conference adjourned early Monday afternoon its 31s. session at Cambridge, Md., that the members might leave on the afternoon train. Cambridge has two trains departing daily The other leaves before breakfast—the average breakfast hour—and preachers enjoy the morning nap. Evidently the session has been a pleasant one—a day briefer than many. While there were numerous changes of pastors, there were few among the larger and wealthier congregations. The most important perhaps, were at Union, Wilmington, and Newark, Elkton and Chestertown, Md. The appointments announced by Bishop Foss are as follows:

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Robert Watt. Presiding Elder.
Bethel and Summitt. G. S. Conway.
Charlestown. W. H. S. Loller.
Cherry Hill. J. H. Geoghegan.
Chesapeake City. L. E. Poole.
Chester. G. W. Burke
Christiana. W. R. McFarlane.
Claymont. G. R. Tompkins, (supply)
Delaware City. H. S. Thompson.
Ebenezer. W. T. Hammond, (supply)
Elk Neck. W. E. Greenfield, (supply)
Elkton. T. E. Terry.
Hockessin. E. M. Cantwell.
Hopewell and Asbury. G. W. Bowman.
Marshallton and Stanton. T. H. Harding.
Mt. Lebanon. E. H. Dashiell, (supply)
Mt. Pleasant and Union. E. H. Derrickson
Newark and Wesley. W. P. Compton.
New Castle. R. I. Watkins,
Newport. Walter E. Avery.
Northeast. G. W. Townsend.
Port Deposit. A. S. Mowbray.
Perryville. G. W. Dawson.
Port Penn. Harry Mitchell, (supply)
Red Lion and Glasgow. J. T. Prouse.
Rising Sun and Sylmar. H. A. G. Westerfield.
St. Georges. E. H. Collins.
St. John's. T. S. Holt.
Zion Circuit. W. R. Mowbray.

WILMINGTON.

Asbury. James Crowe.
Brandywine and Edge Moor. J. W. Easley.
Cookman. J. W. Jones.
Eastlake. Moses Bullock, (supply)
Elsemere. John France.
Epworth. F. Burgett Short.
Grace. Henry Baker.
Harrison Street. Ralph T. Coursey.
Kingswood. Edgar S. Mace.
Madeley. Van P. Northrup.
Mt. Salem and Riddle's Memorial Chapel. J. P. Otis.
St. Paul's. W. L. S. Murray.
Scott. F. P. Harris.
Silverbrook. E. E. White.
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CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

The report of Statistical Secretary Mowbray shows the extent of the Conference. The following is a synopsis:

Church membership—Probationers, 3,740 (decrease of 1,334 as compared with the preceding year); full membership, 37,122 (decrease of 220); local preachers, 119 (decrease of 3); deaths, 541 (increase of 44).

Baptisms—Children, 2,101 (decrease of 474); adults, 261 (decrease of 132).

Sunday-Schools—Schools, 396 (increase of one), officers and teachers, 5,866 (decrease of 269); scholars, 43,248 (decrease of 1,639); average attendance 26,295 (decrease of 2,276); members of home department, 395 (increase of 60); officers and teachers who are church members or probationers, 5,647 (decrease 99); scholars who are church members or probationers, 11,513 (increase of 42); conversions in schools, 1,721 (decrease of 1,295), current expenses, $13,781 (decrease of $86).

Church property—Churches, 396 (increase of 2); probable value of churches, $1,541,470 (decrease $21,900); parsonages, 143 (increase of 1); probable value of parsonages, $265,650 (decrease of $2,750); paid for building and improving churches and parsonages, $44,931 (decrease of 648); paid on indebtedness on church property, $21,392 (increase of $540); present indebtedness on church property, $125,077 (increase of $4,199).

Pastors' support—Salary claimed, $118 600 (increase of $2,167); house rent claimed, $20,090 (increase of $368); total amount of salary and house rent claimed, $138,690 (increase of $2,535); salary paid, $114,651 (increase of $704); house rent paid, $20,008 (increase of $286); total amount of salary and house rent paid, $134,659 (increase of $990): deficiencies in pastors' support $4,281 (increase of $1,337).

Presiding elders' support—Apportioned, $7,497 (increase of $79;) paid, $7,154 (increase of $121.

Bishops' support—Apportioned, $1,518 (increase of $23;) paid $1,418 (increase of $22.

Total support of pastors, presiding elders and Bishops—$143,239 (increase of $1,142.

Current expences of Churches—$34,216 (increase of $775.)

Epworth League—Chapters, 236 (increase of 63;) members, 12,354 (increase of 2,365.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Mrs. Annie Benson, Miss Rachel Grooms, Mrs. Sarah T. Roads, Mrs. Amanda Townsend, William Breoard, Samuel Giffins, John Lewis, John R. Pope, Willber Redding.

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At the Transcript Building, in the town of Middletown, on Wednesday, the 5th day of April, 1899.

At the hotel of C. W. Lloyd, in the town of Odessa, on Friday, the 7th day of April. 1899.

At the hotel of E. S. Brooks, in the town of Port Penn, on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1899.

On each day the Committee will sit between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m.

ANDREW S. ELIASON, Chairman.
M. N. WILLITS,
CHARLES DERRICKSON,
COLUMBUS WATKINS,
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Committee appointed by the Road Commissioners of St. Georges Hundred, on Saturday, the 18th day of March, 1899.

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FARM AND GARDEN

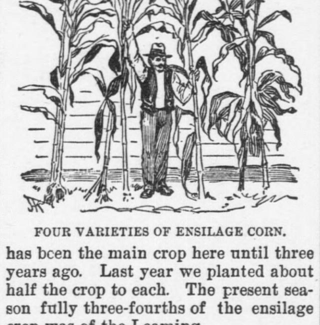
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Many varieties of ensilage corn have been grown at the station for the past few years, but the question resolves itself down to two varieties, which, we believe, are the ones best adapted to our conditions—namely, the Leaming and the Sanford. The former is preferable, we believe, for the southern part of the state, and the latter perhaps for the northern. Both mature sufficiently for ensilage here at the station.

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has been the main crop here until three years ago. Last year we planted about half the crop to each. The present season fully three-fourths of the ensilage crop was of the Leaming.

Unlike the Sanford, which is a white flint, the Leaming is a yellow dent corn, and is one of the earliest grown. The ears are large and handsome, with deep grain and a small cob. The stalks grow to a medium size, from one to two feet taller than the Sanford. It is very leafy and usually produces two good ears to the stalk. It adapts itself to various kinds of soils equally as well as the Sanford.

The comparative yields of the two varieties during the past seasons have been from two to four tons per acre in favor of the Leaming. Not only has the yield been much better, but Professor Morse, who has had charge of the feeding experiments, tells me that the ensilage is equally as good as that of the Sanford, and changing from the one to the other makes no perceptible difference in the milk flow or its composition.

It is hoped that all who are interested in ensilage will give the Leaming corn a small trial at least. The cut is a photograph of four varieties. Beginning at the left hand side, they are Mosby's Prolific, Leaming, Pisers and Sanford.

Sugar Beets and Sorghum In Ohio.

The general results of analyses of sugar beets for 1898 in Ohio show that the beets were less rich in sugar and showed lower purity than in 1897. Many fine plots of beets were grown in the state, however, notwithstanding these less favorable results. Taking the experience of the two seasons, it is evident that the problem of profitable beet sugar production is not yet solved, for the northern third of the state at least. The state station desires that tests should be repeated by those who have had experience in growing beets in 1897 and 1898, and to this end it will furnish tested seed in quantities sufficient to plant one-fourth to one-half acre of beets to such as will undertake to carry out the test and report the results as in 1898. The station also offers to send out sorghum seed raised under the auspices of the national department of agriculture at Medicine Lodge, Kan. It desires to send this sorghum seed especially into the southern counties, where experience has shown the conditions to be unsuited to the culture of the sugar beet. Farmers willing to cooperate should send their addresses at once to the experiment station, Wooster, O., stating the area of land which they are willing to cultivate.

Spray Early In Spring.

"The first spraying should be done early in the spring, before the buds open, and it must be done thoroughly. The second should be done after the trees are through blossoming, while the third may come 18 to 20 days later. The fourth spraying is due about three weeks later. A tree is sufficiently sprayed when the drops of the mixture are seen hanging from the branches and leaves. Many orchard trees besides spraying need a thorough scraping, as in the case of the elm trees. Then the brush and other waste matter, including all dead leaves and rubbish, must be removed from the grounds and burned. Do not leave it near the trees or in the roadway, for the eggs deposited therein will hatch in the spring. If there are dead trees or badly diseased ones here and there in the orchard, cut them down and burn them," says an Orange Judd Farmer correspondent.

POTATO GROWING.

Best Methods Up to Date—What Tests of Four Years Teach.

Conclusions reached by the Cornell authorities, Professors Roberts and Clinton, after experiments in potato culture continued through four years, are:

The average yield of potatoes throughout the state is not more than one-half what it should be and what it would be were better methods practiced.

All soils of ordinary fertility contain sufficient potential plant food to produce abundant crops. By tillage and drainage if necessary a part of this potential plant food can be made available for the use of plants.

Early planting of potatoes and frequent tillage to conserve moisture will ordinarily give best results.

Early planting necessitates vigorous spraying with bordeaux mixture and paris green to protect the foliage from blight and beetles.

Success with potatoes depends largely upon the preparation given the soil before the potatoes are planted. Plowing should be deep, and at the time of planting soil should be mellow and loose.

On soils which are likely to be affected seriously by droughts it is especially important that the potatoes be planted early and deep and the tillage should be frequent and level.

On soils which are not well drained, either naturally or artificially, and on clay or clay loam soils, potatoes may be planted somewhat shallow, and slight hilling may be practiced with benefit.

Harrowing the land after the potatoes were planted and before the plants appeared produced marked beneficial results.

From six to seven cultivations have given best yields.

The Programme For Cauliflower.

To one planning for a crop of cauliflower the following programme, originating with the Kansas station, will be of interest as a guide to operations, remembering that the time must vary with the place and season and that these dates are given as suggestions only:

Early Snowball cauliflower:

Seeds sown in flats, Feb. 17.

Transplanted to benches, March 12; from seed, 23 days.

Set in open ground, April 6; from seed, 48 days.

First heads noted, May 24; from seed, 96 days.

First marketable heads, June 1; from seed, 103 days.

Heaviest cutting, June 19; from seed, 121 days.

Entire crop marketable, June 25; from seed, 127 days.

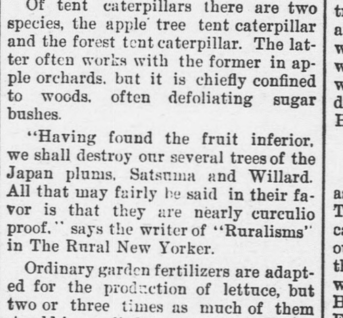
The time of the crop in the open ground was 79 days, leaving abundant time for another crop of some late truck upon the land.

Best Time to Seed Redtop.

Redtop can be profitably seeded in spring, more so than at any other time, according to Orange Judd Farmer. It can be sown on fall wheat and slightly harrowed in with a slant tooth harrow the same as timothy or clover, or the seed bed can be prepared especially for this crop. In the event of a dry season the latter method would probably give the best results. If sown alone, apply about 20 to 24 pounds of seed per acre. This grass may be sown with timothy, in which case 12 pounds per acre is sufficient.

Holland or Danish Cabbages.

The Holland, Dutch Winter or Danish cabbages, as they are variously known, are becoming very popular in some sections as the best of winter keepers and shippers, commanding high prices in the late winter and spring market. This



HOLLAND CABBAGE.

is due to their very hard heading quality, which is well shown in the cut. The weight of a head trimmed for market is claimed to be fully one-fourth greater than that of any variety of similar size. Seeds for early plants should be sown in hotbeds or greenhouse.

Agricultural Brevities.

Curries' rustproof wax bean is claimed to be one of the earliest large podded varieties and the most profitable for the New England market.

Of tent caterpillars there are two species, the apple tree tent caterpillar and the forest tent caterpillar. The latter often works with the former in apple orchards, but it is chiefly confined to woods, often defoliating sugar bushes.

"Having found the fruit inferior, we shall destroy our several trees of the Japan plums, Satsuma and Willard. All that may fairly be said in their favor is that they are nearly curculio proof," says the writer of "Ruralisms" in The Rural New Yorker.

Ordinary garden fertilizers are adapted for the production of lettuce, but two or three times as much of them should be applied as is necessary for the growth of beets, cabbages and most other garden vegetables.

The Rhode Island station has found that on very acid soil sulphate of ammonia has worked like a poison instead of an effective fertilizer.

According to a New Hampshire correspondent of The New England Homestead, many farmers say they will not make maple sugar this year, help being high and sugar low.

TO FIRST VOTERS.

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning April 2—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—The birthday of hope.—I Pet. i, 1-9. (An Easter meeting.)

The birthday of the Christian hope here referred to was Easter day, the day on which Christ arose from the dead. Both the topic and the reference suggest a study of the hope born into the world when Christ overcame death and the grave.

The hope of Easter day is based upon a historical fact. It was the resurrection of Christ which begat this hope. "Blessed be God * * * who * * * hath begotten us again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." The hope is founded, therefore, upon the resurrection of Christ. And this is a historical fact. No fact in history is more fully attested than the fact of the death and resurrection of Christ. It is proved by "many infallible proofs." The New Testament is one continuous witness. The gospels record it; the Acts present it as the one chief theme of the apostles' preaching; the epistles base upon it the Christian life and doctrine. The Lord's day and Eastertide stand as constant witness to the accuracy and genuineness of this historical fact.

The hope of Easter day is a living hope. It is a hope that will be fulfilled. This follows naturally and necessarily from the fact that the hope is based upon a fact. Many hopes of life are illusions. They are based upon fancy, and not upon fact. When the time of their fulfillment arrives, like the mirage of the desert they disappear. Touch them and like the apples of Sodom they vanish away. Not so the Christian's hope, based upon the resurrection of Christ. The foundation is firm and secure. The hope based upon it must be realized.

The hope of Easter day is the hope of eternal life in heaven. It is a hope "to an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven." It is a hope for eternity both for our friends and our loved ones. Christ arose. This begets in us a lively hope that our loved ones shall arise, that we shall arise and that we shall inherit the home prepared for us.

Blessed hope of Eastertide, first heard when the angels announced the glorious fact that Christ was risen from the dead and never to cease to be heard till earth and sea shall give up their dead and those who have died in Christ, having arisen, shall reign with Him forever and forever!

Bible Readings.—Job. xix, 26, 27; Ps. xvii, 15; Isa. xxvi, 19; Dan. xii, 2, 3; Math, xxii, 31, 32; Luke xiv, 1-14; John v, 28, 29; xi, 19-27; Acts iv, 1, 2; Acts xxvi, 8-23; Rom. vi, 1-11; I Cor. xv, 12-20; II Cor. iv, 17, 18; Col. iii, 1-7; I John iii, 1, 2.

The Advantages of Yesterday.

Yesterday is no mausoleum of dead deeds, no storehouse of mummies. Memory is a granary, holding seed for tomorrow's sowing; memory is an armory, holding weapons for tomorrow's battles; memory is a medicine chest, with balms for tomorrow's hurts; memory is a library, with wisdom for tomorrow's emergency. Yesterday holds the full store of today's civilization; contains our tools, conveniences, knowledges; contains our battlefields and victories; above all, gives us Bethlehem and Calvary. But alone man's yesterday is impotent, his tomorrow insufficient. The true man binds all his days together with an earnest, intense, passionate purpose. His yesterdays, todays and tomorrows march together one solid column, animated by one thought, constrained by one conspiracy of desire, energizing toward one holy and helpful purpose—to serve man and love God.—Newell Dwight Hillis in "The Investment of Influence."

Their Part In History.

A Greek historian desired very intensely to say a word about the people of the city where he was born. He felt he could not write his history without saying something of his own native place, and accordingly he wrote this, "While Athens was building temples and Sparta was waging war my countrymen were doing nothing." I am afraid there are too many Christians of whom, if the book were written as to what they are doing in the church, it would have to be said they have been doing nothing all their lives.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

Thinking With God.

One great student described his work as thinking God's thoughts after Him. That is what all true study is. No one can really think God's thoughts while out of harmony with God. We may be thinkers with God as well as laborers with Him, but we cannot think with Him and not think of Him.—Christian Endeavor World.

Christian Endeavor In Egypt.

Christian Endeavor has found a place in the army in Egypt and has marched into the Sudan with General Kitchener. A soldier Endeavorer from Cairo, who was assigned to hospital work at Darmales camp, has organized a society.

The Snow.

How fair and beautiful appears the snow,
Hanging like jewels on the leafless trees,
Which now stand motionless, unstirred by breeze
Or lightest breath of wind that heaven can blow!
Like wondrous picture does the grand earth show,
Painted by hand divine with marvelous ease,
As if it knew it could not fail to please,
And o'er each soul a rapturous transport throw.
Would that our lives might be as bright and pure
As is the snow that all things now infold!
Then would our destiny be no more obscure,
And hapless fate would lose her iron hold,
And man, with face that might high heaven allure,
Would tempt bright angels from their harps of gold.
—Christian Work.

"How long have you been married, Mrs. Ashleigh?"

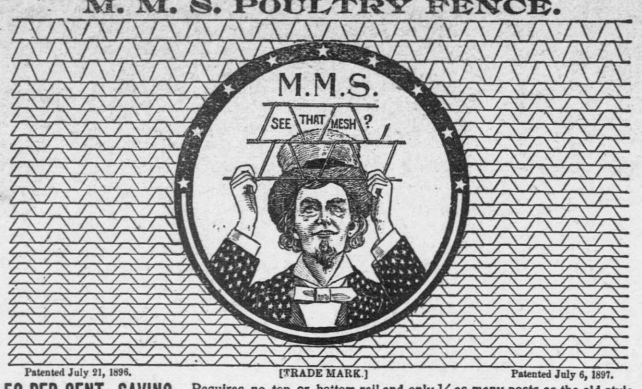
"Eleven years. You wouldn't believe it would you?"

"Not after seeing your husband."

"He is young." The fact is that we ran away from school together and were wedded."

"Oh! Then he must have been one of those boys we read about who are always falling in love with their teachers."

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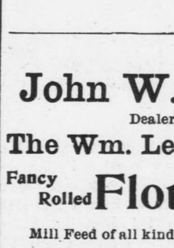
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Philadelphia	§7 25	‖10.20	§1.52	§3.46	§5:59	‖11.10
Baltimore..	6.25	8.23	12 05	3.00	4:20	7.53
Wilmington.	8 13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6:55	11.56
Farnhurst..	f 8.22		f 2.44		7,04	
New Castle.	8 27	f 11.21	2.49	4.39	7:09	
State Road.	f8.33		f 2 54		7:1	
Bear....	f8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7:1	
Porter...	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7:2	
Kirkwood.	8.50		f 3.09		7:3	
Mt. Pleasant.	8.59		f 3.17		7:3	
Armstrong..	f 9.03				7:4	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	f 7:48	12.59
Townsend.	9 17		3.34	5 28	f 7:56	
Blackbird.	f 9.22		f 3.39		8:01	
Gr'n Spring..	f 9.27		f 3 45		f8:07	
Clayton...	9 33	12.07	3.15	5.42	8:13	12.57
Smyrna..LV	9 23	11.57	3.41	5.21	8:03	
Brenford..	f9.38		f 3 59		f8:18	
Cheswold..	f9.43		f 4.04		f 8:24	
Dupont....			f 4.0			
Dover.....	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8:34	1.16
Wyoming..	10.05	f12.29	4.20	6.05	8:40	a 1.24
Woodside,..	f10 11			f 6.11	f 8.47	
Viola...	f10.15			f 6.15	f 8.51	
Felton..	10 20	f12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington..	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington.	f10 42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f9.15	
Greenwood.	f10.50	f 1.08		f 6.49	f9.23	
Bridgeville...	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.14
Cannons...	f11 03			f 7.02	f9.36	
Seaford..	11.13	1.27		7.11	9.45	2.26
Laurel...	11.23	f 1.37		7.21	9,55	a 2.38
Delmar...	11.33	1.46		7.30	10.05	2.50

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Laurel...	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	f 2.25	3.41
Seaford...	1.34		7.23	8.24	2 35	3.56
Cannons...			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville..	f 1.48		7.37	8 37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood..			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington.			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 4.27
Harrington..	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	4:40
Felton...	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	4:49
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